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Dears Sir/Madam

Subject: Reference Letter for Fernando García Dory

It is an honour and a privilege to write a reference letter recommending Fernando García Dory for the award for Leadership and Innovation of Biodiversity Foundation. Fernando García Dory not only makes extraordinary contributions daily in his role as the co-ordinator and director at the Spanish Federation of Pastoralists and the Shepherd's School respectively, he willingly shares his gifts, talents, keen-eye and expertise with others.

Today's Rural Development and Environmental Conservation calls on mentors and leaders capable of working with others, able to collaborate in creative endeavours, innovate and inspire and contribute without dominating any undertaking. It is this extraordinary skill that Fernando García Dory brings to every project he undertakes. It is his extraordinary poise and style in contributing his best to all of his undertakings that creates an environment that draws the very best from his colleagues.

Fernando García Dory not only serves as the Co-ordinator for the Spanish Federation of Pastoralists, she also serves on the Board of Trustees of the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples and also served as the co-ordinator of PASTOR project. It is Fernando's contributions that have given life, breadth and depth to the message and vision of the organizations he gifts with his talents. He develops content, designs alternatives to confront some of the main obstacles that pastoralism is facing now, as the Shepherds School, the Bionic Sheep project, or the different cultural and communication activities carried to change public perception of pastoralism, and what is more important, the perception that pastoralists have from themselves.

Fernando García Dory is an outstanding, dedicated leader, with the skill to conceive and carry out solutions, and who possesses personal integrity and a thoughtful communicative style.

Yours sincerely

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